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APPLICANT: Ellington, et al.

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FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING ALLOSTERICALLY
REGULATED RIBOZYMES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner: Jon Epperson

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the September 10, 2002 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time. With extension, a response to the Restriction Requirement is due on or before December 10, 2002. A check in the amount of \$200.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required for the present paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23239-539 CIP (ARCH-39 CIP)).

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims into 4 Groups. Applicants elect the invention of Group IV, claims 47-53, drawn to a method for "detecting an aptazyme reaction", classified variously in class 435, subclass 91.31; class 536, subclass 24.5, 25.31, 25.32, 25.33, 25.34, 25.4, class 435, FOR 202-204 (i.e., 935/77-79); class 435, DIG 2.

Applicants make this election without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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